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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the office action of October 4, 2005 in the aboveidentified patent application be withdrawn and a new one issued. A ground for this request is that the examiner failed to consider and make of record certain prior art which was properly previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement, as explained further below.

It is also requested that the following voluntary amendment be entered and considered in view of that prior art: